

**REMARKS**

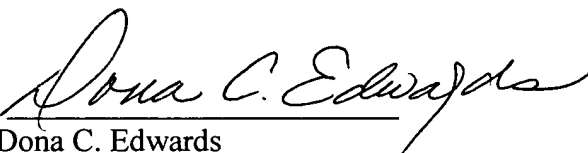
This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct minor informalities in the claims. Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claims 10, 11 and 15 been amended. Claims 9-15 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added. Entry and reconsideration of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide indication that the drawings are accepted by the Examiner in the next formal communication.

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is believed to be timely filed. If a petition for extension of time and/or any other fees are required, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0518 in the name of Steinberg & Raskin, P.C.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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